

Adventures of Daredevil Dot

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I

— HOW INTERESTING!
DOTTY CRIED —

Daredevil Dotty's friend, Lucile, came to her in great grief;
"Oh, Dotty, dear, my father is a brute beyond belief!
He will not let me marry Jim, except---oh, it is tragical!
Except on one condition---and that's nothing short of magical!"

II

"How interesting!" Dotty cried; "what's the condition, dear?"
"Oh," sobbed Lucile, "it is too absurd, but if the chimes we hear
Ring out at midnight from the church, when---this he strictly stipulates---
No human being is about, no human hand manipulates!"

III

"Oho!" Daredevil Dotty said, "'tis not an easy task;
But let me have a try at it, Lucile,---that's all I ask."
"Dear Dotty," poor Lucile replied, "I know your versatility,
But even you can't boast of supernatural ability!"

IV

That very night Daredevil Dot crept out at half-past eleven;
Stole to the church, and gazed upon its spire that rose toward Heaven.
"It's lucky it's so dark," she thought,---"only the stars illuminate,---
But I haven't much time to spare! I mustn't pause to ruminate!"

V

— STOLE
TO THE CHURCH —

Daredevil Dot was in fine trim, athletic, agile, spry;
She climbed that old church steeple like a well-trained Human Fly!
She reached the belfry window, clambered in, and with a knowin' grin,
She made those chimes, at twelve o'clock, peal out a strain from Lohengrin!

VI

— WITH A KNOWIN' GRIN —

The stern old father had to keep the promise he had made;
For he, of course, could get no proof that Dot the chimes had played!
Lucile and her young man thanked Dotty warmly for her happy work;
"Well, yes," said Dot, "I really think it was a bit of snappy work!"

— FATHER HAD TO KEEP
THE PROMISE —

